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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

ZHOU, Xiao-Mai

Appln. No.: 09/580,523

Confirmation No.: Unassigned

Group Art Unit: 1642

Filed: May 30, 2000

Examiner: M. Davis

For: COMPOUNDS AND METHODS FOR REGULATING APOPTOSIS, AND METHODS OF MAKING AND SCREENING FOR COMPOUNDS THAT REGULATE APOPTOSIS

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This response is submitted in answer to the Office Action dated August 29, 2001, making a response to the Action due on or before September 29, 2001. This response is being timely filed.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-69 are before the Examiner for consideration.

In the Office Action dated August 29, 2001, the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement requiring an election as between Groups I-XXVI.

In response to this Requirement, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-3, 10, 13, 16, 19, 22, 25 and 28, drawn to a mutant of SEQ ID NO: 1, without traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to request rejoinder of the process claims in the application upon allowance of the product claim (MPEP §821.04).

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In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such action is hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, he is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,



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